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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: HARRASSMENT OF YUGOSLAV MISSION

1. DEPUTY PERMREP JOB OF YUGOSLAV MISSION CALLED ON AMB BENNETT 3 PM NOV 4 AND DELIVERED NOTE OF PROTEST (TEXT BELOW) RE "VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION" AT YUGO MISSION AFTERNOON NOV 2. JOB'S PRESENTATION WAS VERY NEARLY A CARICATURE OF DIPLOMATIC OUTRAGE. HE SAID DEMONSTRATIONS HAD OCCURRED SIMULTANEOUSLY AT YUGO CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, IN OTTAWA AND ELSEWHERE, ALTHOUGH HE COMMENTED HE WOULD NOT HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE FOR OTTAWA.

2. BENNETT REPLIED, AND SEVERAL TIMES REITERATED, THAT USG DOES NOT CONDONE OR COUNTENANCE DISORDERLY OR VIOLENT ACTIONS AGAINST DIPLOMATIC PREMISES OF THE KIND JOB HAD DESCRIBED. WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH THE POLICE AND WOULD RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO YUGO NOTE.

3. IN SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL TONES, JOB AT LEAST INITIALLY PROFESSED TO FIND BENNETT'S RESPONSE LESS THAN FORTH-COMING AND RECALLED PAST INSTANCES OF SECURITY PROBLEMS FACED BY YUGOS ON SEVERAL CONTINENTS. HE CONTRASTED TITO'S 1963 AND 1971 VISITS TO US, ONE OF WHICH HAD BEEN MARRED BY PUBLIC HOSTILITY, AND ONE
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SUBSTANTIALLY FREE OF INCIDENT. JOB SAID THIS INDICATED

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USG COULD PROTECT OFFICIAL VISITORS "WHEN IT WANTED TO".

4. JOB ALSO ASSERTED THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO USUN HAD REMOVED SPECIAL DUTY POLICEMEN FROM ENTRANCE OF YUGO PREMISES AFTER ASKING YUGO MISSION WHETHER IT WOULD OBJECT. YUGOS HAD REPLIED, JOB SAID, THAT IT WAS UP TO US TO DETERMINE WHAT SPECIFIC DISPOSITIONS WERE NECESSARY TO FULFILL HOST COUNTRY RESPONSIBILITIES. BENNETT REMARKED WE WERE GLAD TO NOE FROM YUGO COMMUNICATION THAT POLICE HAD BEEN PRESENT AT SCENE AND THAT NO PHYSICAL ENTRY OF MISSION HAD TAKEN PLACE.

5. WE CANNOT AT THIS POINT CONFIRM REPORTS THAT DEMONSTRATORS BECAME DISORDERLY ONLY AFTER SOMEONE INSIDE YUGO MISSION HAD BRANDISHED A GUN AT A WINDOW. WE SHALL REPORT NY POLICE DEPT VERSION OF INCIDENT WHEN RECEIVED AND THEN PLAN TO REPLY APPROPRIATELY TO YUGO MISSION.

6. TEXT NOTE FOLLOWS:

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WISHES TO INFORM THAT ON SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1974, AT ABOUT 3 P.M., A HOSTIAL GROUP OF ABOUT 150 USTASHI EXTREMISTS AND HOOLIGANS STAGED A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AND ATTACKED THE BUILDING OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION.

THE SAID VIOLENT OUTBREAK, WHICH WAS PERMITTED TO TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MISSION BUILDING, AT 854 FIFTH AVENUE, AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET, IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS AND LAWS, INVOLVED THE FOLLOWING:

-THROWING OF STONES AND BREAKING OF THE WINDOWS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE;

-USE OF BULL-HORNS;

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-THREATS TO THE STAFF AND PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION ENTERING OR LEAVING THE BUILDING;

-DISPLAY AND SHOUTING OF FASCIST SLOGANS AND INSULTS AGAINST THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, HER HEAD OF STATE, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AND THE STAFF OF THE MISSION.

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THESE VIOLENT ACTS OCCURRED IN THE PRESENCE OF
SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO DID NOT TAKE ANY ACTION TO PREVENT
OR HALT THEM.

IN BRINGING THESE FACTS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND IN THIS
CONNECTION, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA
STRONGLY PROTESTS AND INSISTS EMPHATICALLY THAT THE APPROPRIATE
UNITED STATES AUTORITIES TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT
SUCH HOSTILE, VIOLENT AND INADMISSIBLE ACTION, INTERFERRING
WITH THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE MISSION AND CONTRARY TO THE
RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF
FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED NORMS OF ENSURING ADEQUATE CONDITIONS
FOR THE NORMAL WORK OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND FOR THE SAFETY
OF THEIR STAFFS AND PERSONNEL. THE MISSION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE
ACTION AIMED AT FINDING AND SEVERALY PUNISHING THE CRIMINALS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED HOSTILE ACTS.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA
RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MATERIAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THIS HOSTILE ACTION ON THE
PART OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS.

NEW YORK, 4 NOVEMBER 1974 UNQTE
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